



Mission Statement

The Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) will lead the state of Iowa's efforts to rebuild safer, stronger and smarter in the wake of the 2008 severe storms and catastrophic flooding.



Vision Statement

We envision a resilient Iowa that will be safe, sustainable and economically strong for its people, reaffirming its ties to the land, rivers, environment and rich cultural history.



Focus Areas

- Secure and prioritize the use of funding and other resources needed for recovery
- Establish principles and policies for redevelopment
- Provide coordination of federal, state and other resources to efficiently address immediate and long-term recovery and reconstruction needs
- Lead long-term community and regional planning efforts, ensuring transparency in the recovery process
- Speak with one voice on behalf of all of the State of Iowa

Goals

1. Secure and prioritize the use of funding for recovery and rebuilding
2. Identify, prioritize and address critical short- and long-term issues to speed recovery
3. Incorporate and encourage smart growth principles in the recovery effort
4. Provide oversight and accountability
5. Communicate progress, status and needs of the recovery

Goal 1 Objectives

1. Secure and prioritize the use of funding for recovery and rebuilding
 - OBJ 1.1: Develop and maintain priorities with input from the public, elected officials, government agencies, nonprofits and businesses
 - OBJ 1.2: Develop statewide and region-wide consensus on federal, state and local recovery and rebuilding priorities
 - OBJ 1.3: Identify legislative and executive priorities for recovery funding



Goal 2 Objectives

2. Identify, prioritize and address critical short- and long-term recovery issues
 - OBJ 2.1: Use data indicators to create comprehensible reports that highlight progress, status and needs in integral recovery subject areas
 - OBJ 2.2: Ensure homeowners and renters receive financial resources, opportunities and useful information that enable them to repair, rebuild or relocate
 - OBJ 2.3: Promote the rebuilding of public buildings and infrastructure that is cost-efficient, environmentally sound and disaster resistant

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2. Identify, prioritize and address critical short- and long-term recovery issues
 - OBJ 2.4: Promote the growth and rebuilding of Iowa's business sectors
 - OBJ 2.5: Promote the development of a trained workforce that supports the short- and long-term recovery of the Iowa economy with special emphasis on critical sectors in the impacted areas
 - OBJ 2.6: Promote available, affordable flood and other hazard insurance for homeowners, businesses and infrastructure
 - OBJ 2.7: Develop partnerships and pursue hazard mitigation opportunities to create safer and more sustainable communities

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 - OBJ 2.8 Promote the rapid restoration of educational facilities in the impacted areas
 - OBJ 2.9: Promote the rapid restoration of healthcare and human service infrastructure in the impacted areas
 - OBJ 2.10: Promote energy efficiency and sound environmental policies and practices in impacted areas

Goal 3 Objectives

3. Incorporate and encourage smart growth principles in the recovery effort
 - OBJ 3.1: Work with the Legislature and Governor to support and institutionalize effective state land use planning efforts
 - OBJ 3.2: Support and enhance effective planning at regional and local levels
 - OBJ 3.3: Enable counties to implement county recovery plans

Goal 3 Objectives

3. Incorporate and encourage smart growth principles in the recovery effort
 - OBJ 3.4: Develop broad-based support for smart growth and planning initiatives
 - OBJ 3.5: Prioritize and fund recovery projects that will have an immediate impact
 - OBJ 3.6: Ensure that property buyouts are redeveloped or green-spaced consistent with county recovery plans



Goal 4 Objectives

- 4. Provide oversight and accountability of state disaster relief efforts
 - OBJ 4.1: Set goals, performance measures, clear accountability structure and timelines
 - OBJ 4.2: Monitor and document progress, problems and use of funds

Goal 5 Objectives

5. Communicate progress, status and needs of the recovery
 - OBJ 5.1: Communicate top recovery needs to the Governor, elected officials, community advocates and public
 - OBJ 5.2: Routinely report on progress through public meetings, disclosures and publications
 - OBJ 5.3 Conduct analyses and promote understanding of recovery progress and strategic issues to encourage sound decision making